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In re Application of: Gianessi, et al. Confirmation No.: 7877

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For : PHENYL(ALKYL)CARBOXYLIC ACID DERIVATIVES

AND DIONIC PHENYLALKYLHETEROCYCLIC

DERIVATIVES AND THEIR USE AS MEDICINES WITH SERUM GLUCOSE AND/OR SERUM LIPID LOWERING

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35 U.S.C. § 1.114 AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action ("Final Office Action") mailed November 24, 2009. A Request for Continuing Examination is filed concurrently with this 35 U.S.C. § 1.114 AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION. Thus, this 35 U.S.C. § 1.114 AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION is timely filed.

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